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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Regulations Control Staff

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REFERENCE : Memo to DD/A fr [REDACTED] dtd 17 May 54, subject:
 "Identification of Components and Officials in
 Regulatory Issuances"

1. The DD/A would like to resolve this problem once and for all. In a nutshell, the problem is simply to prepare a brief regulation or a revision to an existing regulation which will establish arbitrary titles for the primary, basic command components of CIA (the inappropriately so-called Big Six), and the secondary command levels within these components which are actually called upon to implement responsibilities imposed by certain regulations.

2. The DD/A would like to scrap our present primary title of "major components" and "chiefs of major components," as there have been objections raised that this title connotes functional and titular comparability. In lieu thereof he suggests "separate components," although other nomenclature may be equally acceptable. This appears to be merely a problem of preparing an appropriate definition, selecting the arbitrary nomenclature, and securing acceptance thereto by the officials concerned.

3. The problem of defining and identifying the secondary level of command is a little more difficult for two reasons:

a. There is little comparability among the various forms of internal organizational structure of the "separate" command components and the titles given to the officials constituting the secondary command level.

b. Experience has shown that the heads of the separate components (particularly DD/P) sometimes wish to vary the placement of secondary command responsibility with reference to individual regulatory issuance.

4. Even this latter problem can be, I believe, easily resolved. The exceptions to the normal secondary command pattern are relatively infrequent. I believe, therefore, that a standard definition for

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the secondary command levels can be developed which will itemize by title the secondary command officials in each basic component. The definition could be qualified by the simple statement: "Unless specified otherwise in the particular issuance." Thus, in any case where the head of a basic component desired to alter the secondary level for a particular regulatory issuance, he would merely so indicate to the Regulations Control Staff, and the particular issuance would qualify for that component that the desired implementing command structure was thus and so.

5. In order to bring this matter to a conclusive action, it is requested that these proposals be drafted up as a regulation or as a revision to an existing regulation. Your early action would be appreciated. A draft transmittal letter for coordination of the regulation illustrating the problem would also be appreciated.


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